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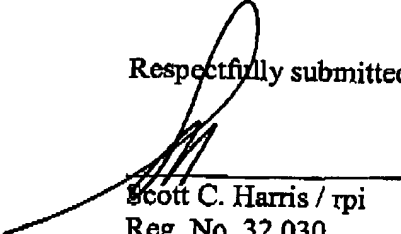
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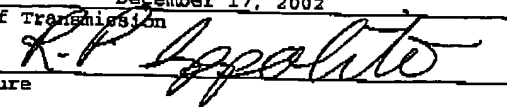
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1. (Amended) A method, comprising:
attaching a tunable damping element to a resonating element; and
increasing an amount of tension in said resonating element to increase a resonant frequency of the resonating element in a way that decreases an effect of stimulated audio on the resonating element.

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